

North American Technician Excellence Inc. (NATE)

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To be NATE certified a technician must pass a CORE and a SPECIALTY test in INSTALLATION or SERVICE with a grade of 70% or higher. A technician should have one year experience to take an INSTALLATION test, and two for a SERVICE test. A candidate failing a test needs only retake the one failed. Scores remain in effect for two years; thereafter candidates must retake both tests. Candidates can add additional certifications by taking a specialty test. Candidates passing a SERVICE specialty test are awarded INSTALLATION. Those passing HEAT PUMP SERVICE are awarded AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE and INSTALLATION. Certification remains valid for five years. Candidates recertify every five years. To recertify, candidates must re-take and pass the SPECIALTY (or SPECIALTIES) but not the CORE test. A technician who passes the CORE test does not have to re-take it to recertify.

DANTES Test Centers can administer the **NATE Certification or NATE Recertification tests**. CORE tests contain 50 multiple choice questions; SPECIALTY tests each contain 100 multiple choice questions. KATEs, Knowledge Areas of Technician Expertise, are on at website (www.natex.org) under the TECHNICIAN page. There is one KATE outline for each of the 12 NATE tests.

<u>Type of Certification*</u>	<u>Examination Date</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
NATE Core Installation test	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$65	
NATE Core Service test	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$65	
NATE Air Conditioning Installation	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Air Conditioning Service	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Air Distribution Installation	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Air Distribution Service	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Gas Heating Installation	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Gas Heating Service	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Heat Pump Installation	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Heat Pump Service	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Oil Heating Installation	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	
NATE Oil Heating Service	Tests given on demand	Min. 3 weeks before	\$85	